

# BEANTOWN ZINETOWN

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# SUN. MAR. 28 1pm-10pm

(Bands Start At 6pm)

Evidence of Active thought/ Book of Letters/ Smash City/ Evil Design/ PAY-BEV/ Redbackpack/ C.H.O.P/ Peacework/ Birthrights/ Name Thing/ GuerillaArt/ Danger Prone Daphne/ Superpickle label/ Off My Jammy/ Obese/ Vinyl Tap/ LIP Designworks/ r2d2 (and others)/ Anomaly zine/ NON/ Highwater/ Rocking Out is Not a Crime/ Kevin P.O'Brien/ Looks Yellow Tastes Red/ Lone Ranger Diaries/ Bumming a Ride to the Rising Sun/ Bruja /Church of Euthansia/ Fortune 2000/ Eventworks/ wcool.com Tv/ Give and Take/ Space Monkey Vertigo/ Frazzled Records/ Umbrella /Spunkola/ Double Down/ Dyka'tude/ Noe Fie/ Memorytown USA/ Liber Paradox / While You Were Sleeping/ Zaftig/ The Noise / 1-900/ Zaftig/ Galaxy Distortion/ many more, and, maybe... You???

BANDS (starting 6pm)

performances and stuff

Rich Mackin, Duncan Wilder Johnson, Clay S. Fernald, Dave S.A.S.P., Ian Thal, Kevin Talbot, Ben Jones, Mike D, Middle Eastern Dancing, Shopping Carts with Video, Puppets?, Kevin P.O'brien, Ed Dyer, DIY PBJ, many TBA , Open Mic from 1pm-6pm

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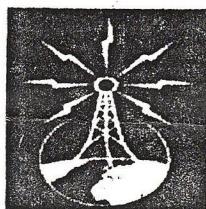
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**ALLSTON-BRIGHTON FREE RADIO**  
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**9-10:00 PM: Boston's Seniors Count;** news and music for senior citizens, hosted by Fran Johnene of the Massachusetts Commission on Affairs of the Elderly.

**10-10:30: Children's Health Connection;** hosted by the Franciscan Childrens hospital.

**10:30-11:00: Mental Health Today;** news, info. and interviews w. Carolyn Ingles from the Mass. Dept. of Mental Health.

**11-11:30: Health Talk;** Jos. E. Smith Health Ctr. \*In English every week, then alternating Spanish, Russian and Cantonese.

**11:30-Midnight: Pets and Their People;** Discussion of pet-related topics with guest experts, hosted by Lisa Aprea.

**Midnight-1:00 AM: City Talk;** conversations with Boston's Political, Social and Media personalities; host-City Counselor Mike Ross and ex-City Counselor David Sondras. Call 617-787-0005 or 617-232-3174 for comments or help

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# FREE MOVIES WEDNESDAY NIGHTS, at THE LUCY PARSONS CENTER

This month....



## Documentary Films From the Newsreel Collective of the late 1960's

--September 13th--

**-OFF THE PIG** [Black Panthers documentary from 69', with Huey P. Newton, Bobby Seale, and Eldridge Cleaver]-**PIG POWER**

[activists disrupt the democratic national convention, Chicago 68]-**MAKE IT REAL** [shots of demonstrations and police brutality put to music]-

**PEOPLES PARK** [In Berkeley California, activists reclaim a park from the university's bulldozers.]

--September 20th--

**-UP AGAINST THE WALL MISS AMERICA** [protesters create a ruckus at the Miss America Pageant of 68]

**-COLUMBIA 68** [students at Columbia University in New York occupy numerous buildings in protest of the schools racist policies]

--September 27th--

**-YIPPIE** [The Yippies nominate a pig for President in 68] -**SUMMER of 68** [the anti war movement]-

**THE WOMYN'S FILM** [feminism in the late 60's]

In the late 60's activists/leftist film makers came together to form NEWSREEL. In its early years, Newsreel produced large many short black and white documentaries quickly and inexpensively, providing an alternative media that would increase public awareness of topical issues.

All Films will be screening at the Lucy Parsons Center, 549 Columbus Ave. Near the Mass Ave. T stop on the orange line.  
Show time is 7PM. More info call 617.267.62.72

# **REVOLUTION BOOKS**

1156 MASS AVE, CAMBRIDGE, MA 02138 (617) 492-5443

## **STEP UP THE STRUGGLE TO SUPPORT REVOLUTION BOOKS!**

Recently, Revolution Books has come under attack from some white-supremacist skinhead youth. On the night of June 18<sup>th</sup>, instead of their usual spitting, they broke the front windows of the store for the third time in the last year.

A look at the window of Revolution Books gives you an idea of what angers and frustrates these youth. Besides the many progressive books and posters on display, information and updates on the battle to free Mumia Abu-Jamal have been prominent in the store's window for years. Mumia, his unrepentant revolutionary stand, and the movement to free him infuriates these police-loving reactionaries. When they do speak, it is often to spit out racist calls for Mumia's execution.

Over the last several months, the Call to contribute to a new *Programme* by the Revolutionary Communist Party, USA has also been a feature in the store's window. If there's anything that scares these little brownshirts more than the resurgent movement of resistance taking shape, it is the prospect of a world where they would be stripped of their white skin privileges and where the USA would no longer dominate over the people of the world. They are petty attack dogs unleashed by the vicious and hateful climate of repression that is promoted from the highest levels of this society. A climate that has spawned an epidemic of police brutality, particularly targeting youth of oppressed nationalities; that has revived the death penalty as a weapon to terrorize those who would oppose the status quo; that has criminalized immigrants and made the Mexican border a war zone; that has carried out mass bombing campaigns to subjugate entire nations to its quest for global domination. Unfortunately for the rulers of this country, it has also spawned a growing and vital movement of resistance.

### **Why has Revolution Books become their target?**

Because it flies the red flag of the international proletariat, and promotes the revolutionary theory of Marxism-Leninism-Maoism and the literature of the Revolutionary Communist Party, USA. Because it will put itself and its resources at in the midst of every key battle that strikes at the heart of their master and defends the interests of the people. From promoting the People's wars in Peru, Nepal, and the Philippines to the campaign to free Mumia; from the battle to defend abortion clinics from the attacks by Christian fascists to the campaign to develop a new Programme for the RCP, USA, a battle plan for making revolution right here in the belly of the beast and putting an end to this system for good. The people's struggle will not be deterred by the actions of a handful of backward, hate-spewing goons and neither will Revolution Books.

### **Demand a better world!**

Come to Revolution Books and talk with our staff about how you can play a role in keeping Revolution Books an "outpost of revolution" in Harvard Square. Donate money, labor or materials to repair the store. We need funds and volunteers to update and expand our stock of books, extend our store hours, and send a clear message that acts like these will only draw more people into the struggle. Write letters of support for Revolution Books.

# **The Technology Center @ Tent City 359 Columbus Avenue Boston, MA 02116**

The Tech Center is a joint project between the Tent City Corporation, the School of Architecture and Planning, and the Community Fellows Program at the Massachusetts Institute of Technology in collaboration with Tec'sChange, East West Foundation and Roxbury Community College. The Tech Center is a vehicle to provide free or low-cost access to all aspects of computer-related information technology. Among the goals of the Technology Center are to: (1) recruit and train persons in computer technology who have been excluded from the technological revolution and are at increasing risk of joblessness; (2) encourage community residents to use information technology as a means of personal and professional development; and (3) help residents move from being consumers of information to producers/creators of knowledge.

The Tech Center offers all of its programs and services at no or low-cost, to community residents. The staff, mostly volunteers, have extensive backgrounds in computer technology and their applications.

## **After School Program Tuesdays, Wednesdays, Thursdays 3:00pm-6:00pm**

Homework assistance and art classes and robotics using the computer.

### **Network Administrator Program**

**Tuesdays 8:15pm-10:15pm, Fridays 6:00pm-9:00pm Saturdays 8:00am-4:00pm**

Learn how to build, repair and maintain computers; how to work with business applications, how to create and manage computer network systems, such as Windows NT.

### **Computer Networking Essentials Tuesdays Thursdays 8:00pm-9:30pm**

Preparation for passing credentializing exams

### **Open Access – Monday through Friday 9:00pm- 12 midnight, Sundays 8:00pm-10:00pm**

Tutorials in business applications, Microsoft Office, Access, Excel, Desktop Publishing, Powerpoint and Word

Work on your own projects such as employment applications, correspondence, and business plans

### **TecsChange Earn-A-Computer Program Mondays and Wednesdays 6:30pm 9:00pm**

Learn how computers operate You fix four keep one and Donate the others

### **Visual Basics Programming Language Tuesdays 6:00pm-8:00pm**

Learn how to develop software

### **Web Page and Internet Design Thursdays 6:30pm-8:00pm**

Learn how to create web pages for the Internet

### **Programs are Developed for Groups Requiring Special Training for Entry level Employment**

Classes offered on a first come basis after review of application.

You must come to the Tech Center to register.

One credit unit at Roxbury Community College for completion of some courses

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Contact Mel King

# At Tent City, a digital-age fix-it school

## Students learn to revive hard drives

By Zachary R. Dowdy  
GLOBE STAFF

Many of the patients came in critically ill, showing weak vital signs. Understandably, their doctors wore looks of worry.

A quick diagnostic test told South End resident Leslie Rackard, 50, who gingerly poked into a cavity she had pried open to examine a patient's insides, that surgery was necessary.

The patient's memory, she determined, was bad — and its hard drive was busted.

In this free night course at the Tent City Community Computing Center on Columbus Avenue in the South End, students learn how to keep ailing PCs from landing on the scrap heap.

The Earn-A-Computer program is part of a national movement toward computer literacy for urban residents and nonprofit groups who, for lack of money, have no access to the technological know-how that is becoming to a global economy what a disk operating system is to any computer.

For their labor, students like Rackard leave the six-week class with one of several computers they help revive over the term. But not before weeks of instruction and grueling homework.

"The course is designed to demystify the computer," said Aram Falsafi of Jamaica Plain, an instructor in the program, which pairs volunteer tutors with eager students.

Falsafi is a member of Tec's Change, or Technology for Social Change — a group of civic-minded high-tech professionals formed in 1996 to serve grass-roots groups and poor people overseas coping with critical technology deficits. Falsafi and fellow engineer Charlie Welch founded the computer course as part of that program.

Under Tec's Change's auspices, revitalized machines, often newly juiced with gobs of memory or a sleek serial port, are shipped to non-



GLOBE STAFF PHOTO / THOMAS JAMES HURST

Sandra Harris (right) instructing Olga Estrada at the Tent City Community Computing Center in the South End. The Earn-A-Computer program pairs volunteer tutors with students to repair ailing PCs.

profits in developing areas in Latin America, Africa, and Asia, bringing much-needed hardware to nations where high-tech equipment is scarce.

The group was formed in the spirit of Bikes Not Bombs in Roxbury, which teaches youths how to repair and ship bicycles overseas.

Dozens of computers, donated by area companies with surplus stock, have been revamped for use in the Earn-A-Computer program. Many of the machines are old and lack the power to run sophisticated software.

Earn-A-Computer is one of many courses offered at the Technology Center, a project overseen by community activist Mel King and supported by Tent City, the Community Fellows Program at the Massachusetts Institute of Technology, the East West Foundation, and Roxbury Community College.

In recent months, the program has gotten more selective: New applicants now face waiting lists, and not all computers are accepted.

Students have ranged in age from 10 years old to retirement and come to the course with many degrees of computer proficiency.

"I came here to get a little direc-

tion about what to do," said Rackard, who added that she was drawn to the course after fumbling with computer applications that just didn't seem to run right.

She said she had once before taken apart a computer when technical support personnel on her job in a local textile firm talked her through the steps over the phone. But one evening last week, she was doing the troubleshooting alone.

"Now it doesn't seem so complicated," she said.

Some students placed their hands on their hips and peered into or pointed at characters on monitors with error messages, contemplating the next step in their lessons or cursing the ghost in the machine. Others sat before the screen with furrowed brows before taking out a screwdriver to apply their newly acquired skills.

The air in the brightly lit, garden-level unit where the program is based buzzed with crisp keyboard taps and the low drone of various sick machines on operating tables.

The banter was about RAM and megabytes, DOS and motherboards, BIOS and loop-back connectors.

Loop-back connectors?

Velma Cousins of Mattapan didn't know that term a few months ago, when she heard about the Earn-A-Computer program as she finished up Operation ABLE, a program designed to give people over age 55 solid skills to move back into the workplace.

"I had never opened a computer," she said, as tutors Paulette Houston and Paula Ann Ross of Roxbury monitored her handling of a disabled 486 computer that needed a new port. "I had only seen the outside, the pretty part."

But Cousins was anything but squeamish as she wielded the screwdriver, opening the machine and attacking the bug in the computer's disk operating system.

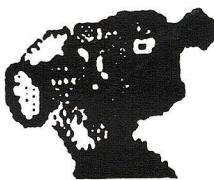
She said her knowledge of the computer, after seven sessions in the program trying to revive other old models, rivals the expertise of her son, an engineer, who now consults his mom for help with his own computer glitches.

Declared Cousins: "He said he's really proud of me."



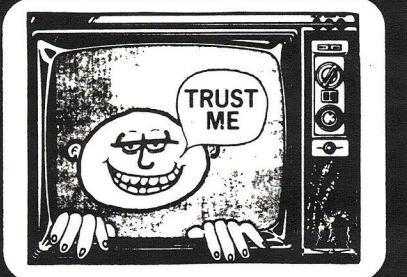
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# *“All The News That’s Fit To Omit”*

## *Exposing Media Disinformation*



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keep us informed, not in line.

### Including:

- **OMISSIONS AND EMISSIONS: MEDIA TASKS AHEAD**—Noam Chomsky reports on the failure of such mainstream media as the *Washington Post* and the *New York Times* to deal in truth, and relates it to the Gulf War, its aftermath, and what we can expect in 1992. 9:30-10:30
- **WHAT’S WRONG WITH THEIR PICTURE (AND OURS)?**—Discussion around the value of pressuring mainstream media versus constructing our own media institutions; truth vs fairness; constructive criticism vs storming their editorial offices. With Lydia Sargent (*Z Magazine*), Randolph Ryan (*Boston Globe*), Martin Lee (FAIR), Joe Gerson (AFSC), Jennifer Horan (Emergency Coalition). 11:00-12:15
- **PARTICIPATORY MEDIA: FORMING OUR OWN AGENDA**—Given our experiences monitoring, pressuring, and creating our own media, how can we have more impact? Here is a program for change. With Michael Albert (*Z Magazine*) and JoAnn Wypijewski (*Nation*). 4:15-5:30
- Plus workshops on radio, cable TV, alternative and community media, how to's, databases, and more. 1:00-3:45
- Plus alternative media fair including displays from over 60 organizations and projects. 9:00 AM-7:00 PM
- Plus a reception and raffle of over 60 free subscriptions, as well as free calendars and books. 6:00-7:00

## Morning Panels

### OMISSIONS AND EMISSIONS: MEDIA TASKS AHEAD

AUDITORIUM, 9:30-10:30

Noam Chomsky reports on the failure of mainstream media to deal in truth, and relates it to the Gulf War, its aftermath, and what we can expect in 1992. Moderator: Jordan Weinstein.

### WHAT'S WRONG WITH THEIR PICTURE (AND OURS)?

AUDITORIUM, 11:00-12:15

Debate and discussion around the value of pressuring mainstream media versus constructing our own media institutions; truth vs fairness; constructive criticism vs storming their editorial offices. Moderator: Jordan Weinstein. *With Lydia Sargent (Z Magazine), Randolph Ryan, (The Boston Globe), Martin Lee (FAIR ), Jennifer Horan (Emergency Coalition), Joe Gerson (American Friends Service Committee).*

## Afternoon Workshops, First Session: 1:00 - 2:15 PM

### WHOSE AGENDA IS IT, ANYWAY?

ROOM 540: CHAIR, LYDIA SARGENT

What effect does the alternative media have? What are the constraints, successes, failures? What needs to be done to counter mainstream media and pierce the corporate wall?

*With Lydia Sargent (Z Magazine), Rebecca Levine and Jacob Yang (Gay Community News), Michael Harris (Daybreak Distributors), Borzou Daragahi (The Guardian).*

### CAVEATIS LECTOR ET SPECTATOR

ROOM 539: CHAIR, DOUG McCABE

Mainstream media watchdogs from FAIR, the UMASS media committee, local media watchers, and America's Defense Monitor decipher MediaSpeak and discuss the corporate media agenda.

*With Martin Lee, Justin Lewis, Nick Moore, and others.*

### PEACE & JUSTICE & THE MEDIA

ROOM 555: CHAIR, TY DEPASS

Open roundtable for activists to discuss problems and possibilities; to tell of heroic successes and stunning failures in efforts to get the message out; and to discuss what's needed in election year 1992.

*With Mobilization for Survival, Middle East Justice Network, Jobs With Peace, Boston Center For Independent Living.*

### THE NEW UNDERGROUND

ROOM 603: CHAIR, EILEEN SHEEHAN

Members of Boston youth alternative media discuss fighting the corporate media monolith; how they operate; and how they relate to the new alternative press movement nationally.

*With New Liberation News Service, The Watch (Brandeis), The Thistle (MIT), WZBC (Boston College), Hermes (Wesleyan), Fifth Column (Wellesley).*

### PC/PC

ROOM 605: CHAIR, JEANNE SCHORK

How to get the most out of your personal computers, databases, Peacenet, and desktop publishing.

*With Reed Byers, John Keggi and Charlie Rosenberg (Peacenet), Larry Rosenberg (Peace & Justice Voice Mail Hotline) and Carrie Pratt (Mango Network of Zimbabwe).*

### ACTING LOCALLY

ROOM 659: CHAIR, JANICE SHAMON

Community press editors and writers discuss how community newspapers differ from newspapers of record, and how the absence of corporate pressures allows for more accurate and responsive coverage of local community issues.

*With Sandra Storey (Jamaica Plain Gazette), Margaret Lamb (Dorchester Community News), Bill Costley (Middlesex News), Greg Geboski (Somerville Community News), Sarah Gruppe (North Cambridge Community News), and others.*

### DOING THE VIDEO DISHES

ROOM 535: CHAIR, LUISA BUCHANAN

Participants will give presentations about their works and projects, followed by a discussion on programming for constituent audiences.

*With Martha Wallner (Deep Dish TV Network); Charlie Rasmussen (Neighborhood Network News); and Ann Bennett (Women's International Video Festival).*

## **Afternoon Workshops, Second Session: 2:45 - 4:00 PM**

### **NEWS AS A BATTLEGROUND: SHOOTING IT OUT IN THE MEDIA**

**ROOM 659: CHAIR, JAY SCHEIDE**

When activists try to use the mainstream media, they find themselves in a battleground where they are the underdogs. This workshop discusses how to position yourselves in a media battle. Using a case study, workshop participants will attempt to develop a media strategy in a typically conflictual grassroots situation.

*With Charlotte Ryan and Bill Hoyne from Boston College Media Research and Action Project.*

### **STATIC IN THE ATTIC**

**ROOM 555: CHAIR, DAVE RABIN**

Panelists discuss effective use of mainstream radio access, low-watt radio, and progressive radio programming.

*With Jordan Weinstein (WRKO), Dave Rabin (WMFO), Fahamisha Sharif (Boston Alternative Radio), Lydia Sargent (Z Radio), Yvonne Lamour (Haitian Radio), David Barsamian (Alternative Radio), Christie George and Pacifica.*

### **INK SLINGING**

**ROOM 613: CHAIR, SANDY PLISKIN**

Nuts and bolts for activists on how to pressure the media, how to get the message out through PSAs, letters, op-ed pieces, etc.

*With Gary Dotterman, press secretary for Boston City Councilor David Sondras.*

### **WHOSE AGENDA IS IT ANYWAY?**

**ROOM 540: CHAIR, LOIE HAYES**

Second Session on alternative media with new panel: Michael Albert (*Z Magazine*), Arvid Muller (*Labor Page*), Loie Hayes (South End Press), Patricia Horn (*Dollars & Sense*).

### **PC/PC**

**ROOM 605**

Second Session with John Keggi from Peacenet, and others.

### **DOING THE VIDEO DISHES**

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Second Session with Martha Wallner (Deep Dish TV Network), Charlie Rasmussen (Neighborhood Network News), Ann Bennett (Women's International Video Festival).

### **CAVEATIS LECTOR**

**ROOM 539**

Second Session with Martin Lee, Justin Lewis, Mark Sugg, John Demeter, and others.

### **PEACE & JUSTICE & THE MEDIA**

**ROOM 603**

Second session with activists from Mobilization for Survival, Middle East Justice Network, Jobs With Peace, Boston Center For Independent Living, and others.

## **Closing Panel: 4:15 - 5:30 PM**

### **PARTICIPATORY MEDIA: FORMING OUR OWN AGENDA**

**AUDITORIUM**

What can mainstream media do for us? What can we do for ourselves? Given our experiences monitoring, pressuring, and creating our own media, how can we reach more people and have a larger impact? Here is a positive program for the future.

*With Michael Albert (*Z Magazine*) and JoAnn Wypijewski (managing editor of the Nation).*

## **Lobby Reception And Raffle: 5:45 - 7:00 PM**

A chance to mingle and find out the raffle winners of over 60 free subscriptions, 8 books, and miscellaneous prizes (T-shirts, videos, posters).

## **ABOUT BOSTON MEDIA ACTION**

BOSTON MEDIA ACTION began in January as an ad hoc group of over 100 local media producers and consumers, broadcasters, publishers, writers, and activists concerned with peace and justice. Many of us represent alternative radio, newspaper, cable, magazine, and book publishing media and have few illusions about mainstream media's interests.

But even we were sickened by media disinformation and blatant pro-war cheerleading this past fall and winter. And we are appalled by the media's continued blindness to its own role in the manufacture of uninformed consent.

Since we believe Bush's war against Iraq was to: retain U.S. domination over oil pricing; dispel public desires for peace; legitimate future wars of U.S. intervention; end all demands for a peace dividend; and elevate the U.S. to world cop status, we feel it is crucial for peace and justice movements to have programming on mainstream media that challenges the morality of war, domination, empire, and other inhumane relations serving the rich and powerful.

To that end, Boston Media Action has been working to improve political coverage by mainstream media in the Boston area; to press for peace and justice reporting *prepared by* the peace and justice community; and to strengthen local alternative media institutions and projects.

While the war against Iraq is over, U.S. intervention in the Middle East proceeds and U.S. foreign and domestic policy continues to oppress people of the Third World and the U.S. We therefore continue to direct our activities through three autonomous projects: Press the Press, Spread the Truth, and Media Watch.

### **PRESS THE PRESS**

Working to ensure that full and accurate peace and justice reporting and analysis appears in the mainstream media.

### **SPREAD THE TRUTH**

Working to spread the peace and justice message, often through posterizing, throughout the community.

### **MEDIA WATCH**

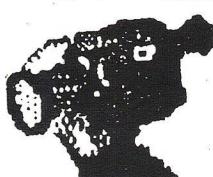
Monitoring and analyzing the mainstream media.

### **BMA MEMBERSHIP**

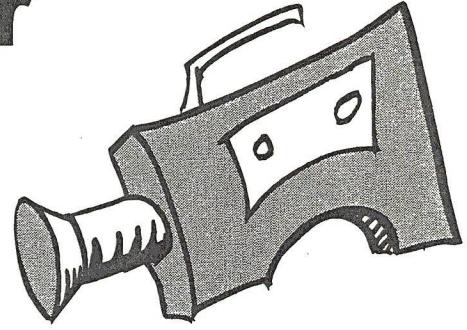
BMA WILL SOON be offering a BMA membership (for individuals as well as organizations) which will allow you to participate in one of the three project committees above; to be involved in monthly Media Action Programs planned by the BMA project committees; to be involved in a Radio Committee to help produce media analysis radio programs; to work on periodic BMA Media Report newsletters and tabloids; and to participate in other media actions still being planned. BMA has been meeting weekly since January. If you are interested in becoming a BMA member, sign up at the registration desk.

## **THANKS**

WE WOULD LIKE to thank James Williams and Steve Buck of the Mass College of Art, the BMA conference committee, the panel and workshop participants, and the Haymarket People's Fund whose grant to BMA has helped make this conference possible.



# Come out of your house & into the streets!



**with your cameras, camcorders and discmen  
to document the real debates on October 3!**

The Boston Independent Media Center is looking for volunteers to cover counter debate events beginning Sept. 15 and running through October 5. Writers, film makers, radio enthusiasts and photographers are all needed to help document what the mainstream media doesn't want you to know about the effects of the current political system on Boston area residents.

## Media Projects

**Print:** Write or take photos for uploading to the web and for use in IMC PDF News Sheets.

**Video:** Help collect and produce one 1/2 hour news shows for distribution on local cable access stations

**Audio:** Collect audio footage for webcasting on the IMC Boston website and local radio stations.

We also need volunteers to help staff the IMC beginning September 25, 2000 through October 4. Check out [www.boston.indymedia.org](http://www.boston.indymedia.org) for the latest information about IMC Boston hours of operation for the coming weeks.

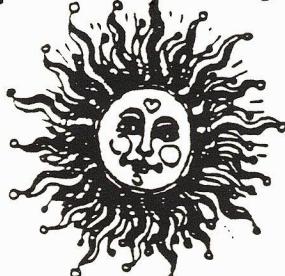
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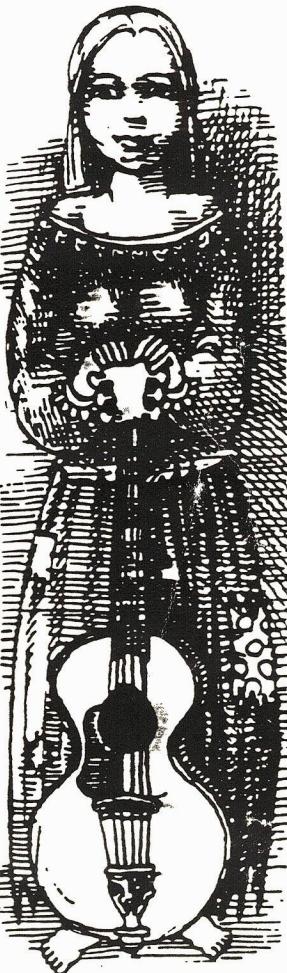
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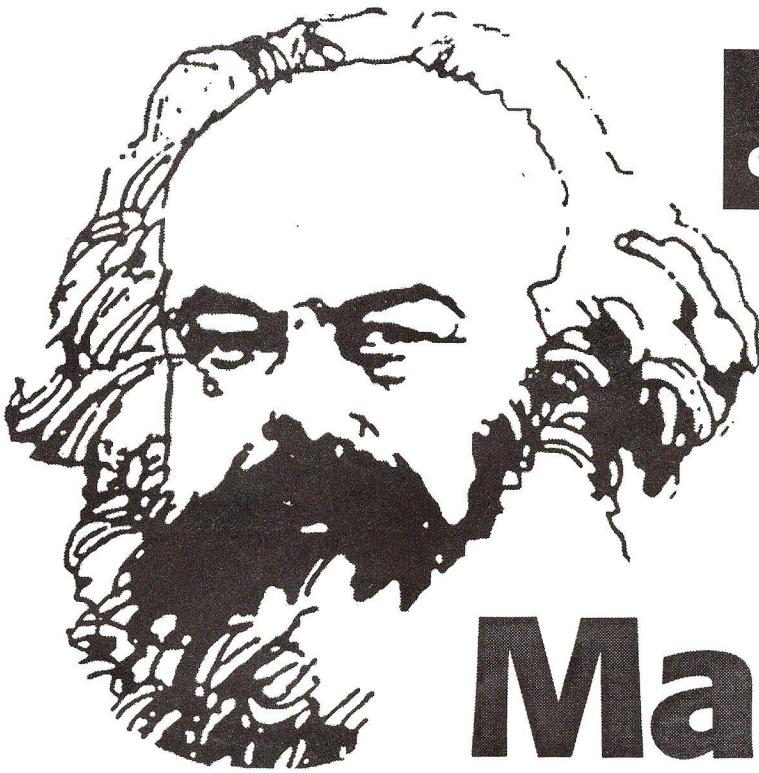


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“Zinn’s text and Jones’s acting deftly blended the political with the personal. Marx’s life with his wife and daughter was woven into his tales of the Paris Commune and the building of the American railroads...

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Eric Brace, *Washington Post*



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--Alex Carey, historian, author of Taking the Risk Out of Democracy: Corporate Propaganda versus Freedom and Liberty

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## **Zambia—health care:**

Diseases like measles, whooping cough, diphtheria and tuberculosis reappeared in Zambia since the IMF/World Bank made the government introduce fees at government health centers. The fees kept poor people away, and so immunization coverage declined. (Oxfam, [A Case for Reform: Fifty Years of the IMF and the World Bank](#), Oxford, UK, 1995.)

## **Hungary—unemployment:**

During the first four years of Hungary's IMF-mandated structural adjustment program, between 1989 and 1996, unemployment rose from 0% to 13% and the value of wages fell by 24%. (Development GAP and Friends of the Earth, [On the Wrong Track: A Summary Assessment of IMF Interventions in Selected Countries](#), January 1998)

## **Zimbabwe—education:**

Zimbabwe's IMF-mandated economic policy changes forced the reintroduction of school fees, leading to drops in school attendance, especially for girls. (Development GAP and Friends of the Earth, [On the Wrong Track: A Summary Assessment of IMF Interventions in Selected Countries](#), January 1998)

## **Chile 1970s—foreign policy:**

At the urging of the United States, the World Bank cut funding to democratically elected [socialist] President Salvador Allende's administration. The Nixon Administration bragged that it had used the Bank to "make the Chilean economy scream." In the first three years after the bloody military coup [against Allende,] led by General Augusto Pinochet, the Bank rewarded Chile with \$350 million in loans. (Prepared by Witness for Peace, for A16)

## **Egypt—the Gulf War:**

For its military participation in the [US-led] war against Iraq in 1991, Egypt was rewarded with massive debt relief by the Gulf War allies. (Karen Pfeiffer, "How Tunisia, Morocco, Jordan and even Egypt became IMF 'Success Stories' in the 1990s", *Middle East Report*, No. 210, Spring 1999, p.25)

## **Jordan 1989—food prices:**

Spurred by increased food prices following the announcement of the government's adoption of an IMF structural adjustment program, riots broke out in southern Jordan. Police killed at least 5 protesters. (Prepared by Witness for Peace, for A16)

## **Venezuela—price riots and police violence:**

On February 23, President Perez signed an agreement with the IMF for a structural adjustment program. In just a matter of days, from February 28 to March 2, about 600 people were killed and more than 1000 injured in rioting over the economic measures required by the agreement with the Fund. (Prepared by Witness for Peace, for A16)

## **Central America—environment:**

IMF structural adjustment also forces countries to shift from small-scale farming (for local consumption) to large agribusiness operations for export. Lowland forests are cleared for expansion of large farms while displaced small farmers denude the steep uplands of their trees. The results: of the thousands of deaths in Central America resulting from 1998's Hurricane Mitch, many were directly attributable to mudslides on deforested slopes. (Trim Bissell, Robert Weissman, [False Profits: Who Wins, Who Loses When the IMF, World Bank and WTO Come To Town](#), February 2000)

## **USA—more pain, less gain:**

IMF-mandated degradation of wages and working conditions in foreign countries means that U.S. workers must compete in the "race to the bottom," or see U.S. corporations move their jobs overseas. When workers abroad are exploited, we all suffer.

# WORLD BANK BONDS BOYCOTT

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## How to Pass A Resolution to Boycott the Purchase of World Bank Bonds

Along with its sister organizations, the World Trade Organization (WTO) and the International Monetary Fund (IMF), the World Bank promotes projects and policies that increase poverty, destroy the environment and degrade working conditions. But there is now an exciting new global effort to hold the Bank accountable for its harmful policies. And you can play an important role, by asking your university, trade union pension fund, church, or city council to pass a resolution to boycott the purchase of World Bank bonds. The World Bank gets 80% of its money from bond sales to these institutions and others. You can support efforts to hold the Bank accountable by working with an institution in your community to boycott the future purchase of World Bank bonds.

Each institution will have its own unique procedures for adopting resolutions. The following steps are meant to provide a general guide to the process; you may of course streamline the process to make it as easy and efficient as possible.

1. **Form a local coalition, or ask an existing group to adopt the campaign.** Before contacting the institution you are targeting, identify key activists and leaders in your community and ask them to endorse the boycott and work with you to get it passed.
2. **Identify sympathetic members of the institution you are targeting.** Make personal contact with allies within the institution; they can familiarize you with the exact procedure and appropriate strategy for passing the resolution.
3. **Offer support to the decision-makers you are targeting.** Share sample resolutions and provide support in drafting the final language of the resolution. Keep the group you are targeting aware of resolutions introduced in other communities by checking in with the campaign office (see below).
4. **Lobby the decision-makers.** Using a concise cover letter and materials that identify the environmental, social justice and labor issues involved, personally contact each decisionmaker and urge her support. Work with your coalition to develop these materials then hand deliver packets of information to them (see below to get more information). Follow-up with phone calls.
5. **Keep the local press informed.** Generating local press is a critical component of the boycott campaign, since the World Bank is very sensitive to its public image. At every stage of the process (introduction, debate, and vote) send media advisories to local newsprint and radio.
6. **Attend all relevant official meetings.** From the moment of introduction to the time for a vote, make sure your coalition turns out supporters who can speak on behalf of the boycott resolution.
7. **Organize a press conference.** When the institution you are targeting successfully passes the resolution, organize a press conference with officials of the organization.

**For more information on the campaign, visit our website at [www.worldbankboycott.org](http://www.worldbankboycott.org), or send e-mail to [bankboycott@econjustice.net](mailto:bankboycott@econjustice.net). We can put you in touch with other activists working on this campaign. We also offer educational materials on World Bank policies, speakers, access to national networks, and other services.**

# The World Bank Bonds Boycott: Act Locally for Global Justice

The World Bank is one of the most powerful agents of corporate globalization. Just as working people and the poor in the United States have been subjected to corporate and government policies that limit the ability of people here to organize a union, gain access to health care, and enjoy a rising standard of living, people in the Global South struggle with policies promoted by the World Bank which have a similar effect. The World Bank, along with the International Monetary Fund (IMF), encourages privatization of government services, requires the weakening of labor laws, and enforces "free trade" policies that sacrifice the rights of working people to the dictates of multinational corporations. Through its devastating "structural adjustment" programs, the Bank has also required poor countries to increase fees for health and education and cut spending on government services.

But there are ways that we can fight back, both to be in solidarity with our brothers and sisters in the Global South and to reclaim power ourselves. One way is through a new campaign through which citizens in a democracy, working people, students, and the poor can exert power over corporate globalization –and, at the local level, over how our colleges, town councils, and investment funds invest our money. The World Bank gets about 80% of the money from its harmful projects and policies through the sale of bonds, which are issued through U.S. financial institutions like Citigroup, and its affiliate Saloman Smith Barney. World Bank bonds are purchased by large institutional investors, including city and state governments, universities, churches, mutual fund investors, and pension funds. This means that we can exercise our power -- locally -- to stop the World Bank from promoting global injustice.

You can ask your city council, church, union, or college to pass a resolution that it will not invest in World Bank bonds in the future. The effect of a large number of institutions committing not to purchase World Bank bonds will be a powerful force to demand fundamental reform in the global economy –which in turn will have a powerful effect on the U.S. economy. Already, the cities of Oakland and Berkeley, California; the Communications Workers of America; the United Electrical, Radio and Machine Workers of America; and several churches have passed bond boycott resolutions, and many others are pending before city councils and other institutions across the country.

## *Join the growing World Bank Bonds Boycott movement!*

- Educate your co-workers and community on how globalization is affecting us at home and abroad and how we can mobilize against it.
- Build a local effort to get a bonds boycott resolution passed and lobby your town council, university, trade union local or central labor council, or church to pass a resolution. Announce your success in a press conference.
- Target a local Citigroup branch office and demand that Citigroup and its affiliate Saloman Smith Barney stop underwriting and selling World Bank bonds.

For more information and a full organizers' packet:

Visit the campaign's website at  
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# **STOP THE WORLD BANK!**

The World Bank is using *our* money to wreak havoc in poor countries, forcing them to adopt policies that plunge millions into poverty and lay waste to nature, while enriching the local elite and multinational corporations. The World Bank gets 80% of its funds by bond sales to our city governments, unions, churches and universities. You can help stop this by supporting a

## **WORLD BANK BOND BOYCOTT CAMPAIGN IN SOMERVILLE**

BANKBUSTERS, a local all-volunteer anti-IMF/World Bank group, is spearheading a coalition to get the City of Somerville to pass a resolution to boycott World Bank bonds. The neighboring City of Cambridge endorsed the campaign in April 2002.

The World Bank Bond Boycott campaign is international in scope, originating with grassroots activists in countries like Haiti and South Africa. Already resolutions have been passed by the neighboring city of Cambridge, and by the cities of San Francisco, Berkeley, Oakland, Milwaukee, Boulder (Colorado), and Takoma Park (Maryland). It has also been passed by several labor unions, including the Service Employees International Union (SEIU), the Teamsters, the International Longshore and Warehouse Union (ILWU), the United Electrical, Radio and Machine Workers (UE), the Communications Workers of America (CWA), and the American Federation of Government Employees (AFGE).

### **How the World Bank Bond Boycott Works:**

About 80% of the World Bank's funds come from bond sales, which are underwritten by big banks such as Citibank. These bonds are typically bought by institutional investors like city governments, unions, churches and colleges. These institutions can avoid buying World Bank bonds in the future by investing through socially responsible investment firms that have pledged not to touch World Bank bonds. No bond sales--no money--no loans--no more destructive "development" projects.

ENDORSERS OF THE SOMERVILLE CAMPAIGN include:

Brazilian Immigrant Center, Campaign on Contingent Work, Centro Presente, Haitian Coalition, Industrial Workers of the World, Representative Pat Jehlen, Massachusetts Coalition for Occupational Safety and Health (MassCOSH), Massachusetts Jobs with Justice, SEIU Local 615, Somerville-Medford United for Justice with Peace, Women's International League for Peace and Freedom (Boston Chapter).

**Meeting time: 6:00-9:00 p.m., every Thursday**

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## The case against the International Monetary Fund and the World Bank in a nutshell...

- The IMF and World Bank are undemocratic institutions - wealthy countries dominate the decision-making process. *The 6 countries of U.S., Canada, U.K., France, Germany and Japan control about 50% of the decision-making power in the IMF, and the U.S., with 18% of the vote, has effective veto power.*
- The IMF and World Bank are secretive institutions. The contents of their negotiations with borrower countries are not made available to the public, let alone being subject to public input.
- The IMF and World Bank drain resources from poor countries. According to 50 Years is Enough, sub-Saharan Africa (excluding South Africa) paid \$2.5 billion more in debt servicing to the IMF and World Bank than it got in new long-term loans and credits from these institutions in 1996.
- The IMF and World Bank promote corporate welfare. IMF “rescue packages” bail out irresponsible private sector lenders, and socialize the debt of irresponsible private sector borrowers, as happened in the Asian economic crisis of 1997-98. Working people in the borrowing countries are stuck with repaying debts incurred by irresponsible speculative investors.
- The IMF and World Bank hurt workers. They often require privatization of government services, leading to loss of jobs. They sometimes compel countries to cut their minimum wage, as they did in Haiti. They also encourage countries to set up “free trade zones” or maquiladoras, in which labor laws are not enforced. These policies have the effect of making cheap labor in poor countries even cheaper, and thus set up a “race to the bottom,” encouraging multinational corporations to move their operations to poor countries, leaving millions in the U.S. “downsized”.
- The IMF and World Bank hurt women. According to the Women’s Environmental and Development Organization (WEDO), women’s unemployment exceeds 70% in Russia, Armenia, Bulgaria and Croatia, and exceeds 80% in Ukraine, since the implementation of IMF and World Bank-imposed Structural Adjustment Programs in these countries.
- The IMF and World Bank hurt the environment. In Chad and Cameroon, the Bank has approved a loan that would allow Exxon to build a 600-mile long pipeline, which will destroy hundreds of square miles of rainforest and uproot tribal villages, while putting money in the pocket of corrupt military governments.
- World Bank loans routinely require borrowers to impose “user fees” for formerly free or subsidized health care and education, depriving poor people of these essential services.
- World Bank-imposed privatization policies in poor countries create a model that is often reimported to the U.S. for application here. For example, the impetus towards privatization of retirement systems started in Chile, under pressure from the IMF and World Bank. This idea has now come to the U.S.; President Bush had set up a commission to facilitate the privatization of Social Security, which came out with a pro-privatization report. And Enron and WorldCom have shown us what privatized Social Security will lead to!

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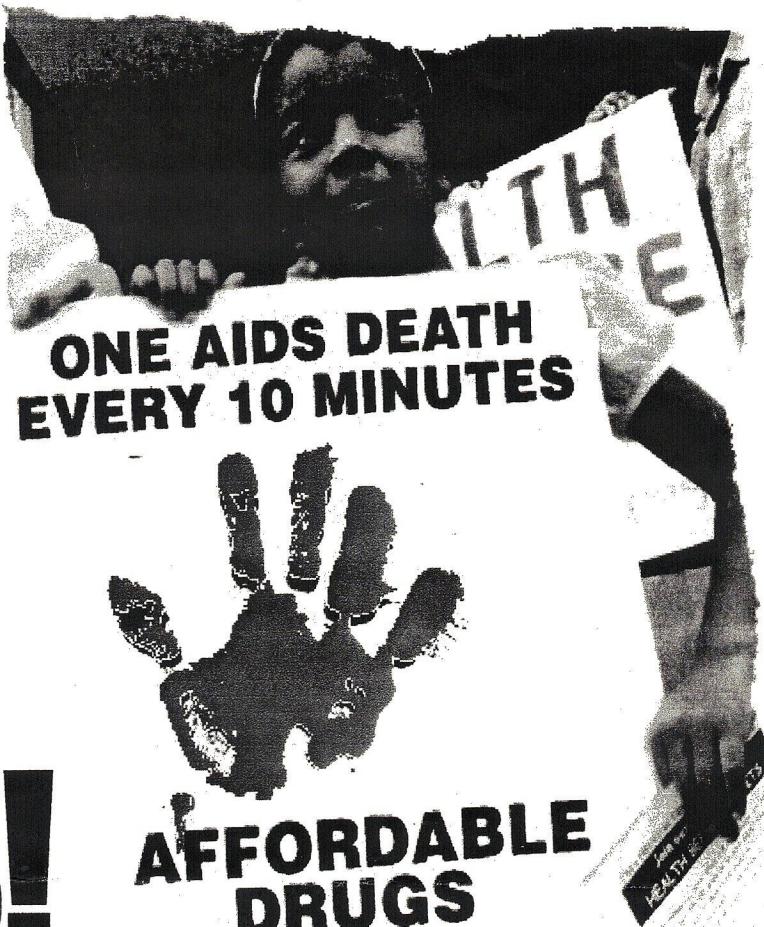
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The Bush Administration is preparing for war against Iraq. In Iraq are millions of people who could suffer or die if this happens. We have already waged war there and, as a direct result of that war and our policies since, hundreds of thousands of people have died and millions of people have suffered. The people of Iraq are wives and husbands, parents and children, old and young -- people just like us. It is true, they are ruled by a despot. But how does this justify waging war on an entire people?

The first precept of the Buddha is to refrain from harming any living being. The Buddha taught this precept as one of the guiding principles for living a happy life. But to refrain from harming another is only the beginning. We need to look deeply into our hearts and minds to see the connection between our thoughts, feelings, and actions. We need to see how acting in anger towards others causes more suffering in others and ourselves. From this knowledge we can begin to develop a heart of compassion that embraces all beings. And from a compassionate heart we can act in ways that bring about more peace.

In order to develop a compassionate heart we meditate. And we practice meditation in order to see clearly, to become mindful. When we are mindful we know that everyone on earth shares the same concerns. We know all people experience anger, hatred, fear, despair, and sorrow. And we all seek happiness and security. When we know this, we know the Iraqi people are just like us.

In our walking meditation, we walk in silence acknowledging our relationship to the earth and our interrelationship to all beings on the earth. We walk peacefully, practicing nonviolence, becoming nonviolence. Join us. The world needs peace. Let's be peace together.

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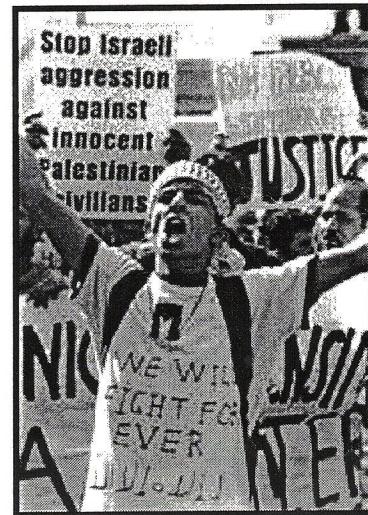
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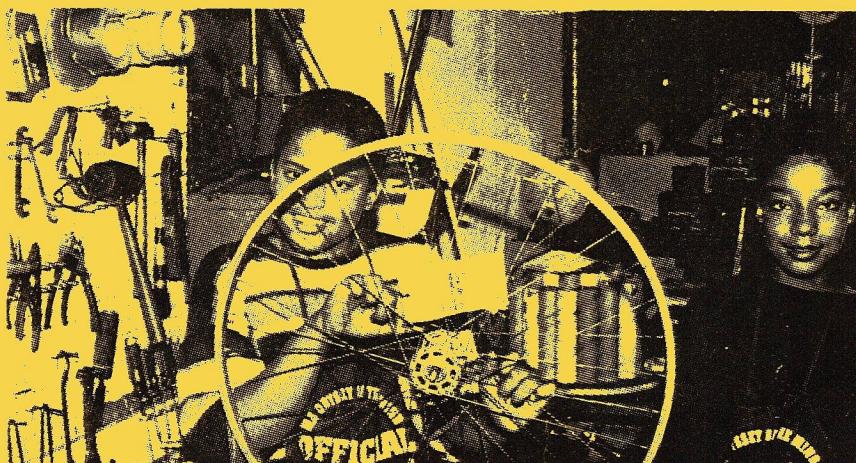
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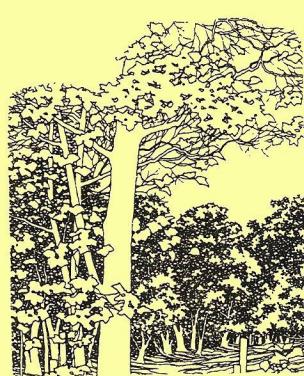
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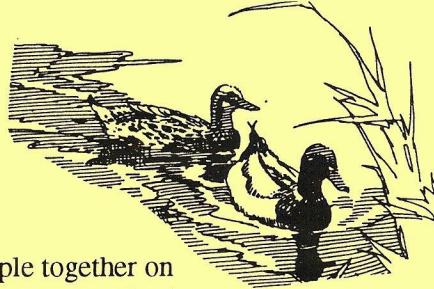
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**Let's go!**

## Cape Ann Ride - Sunday June 11

Moderately paced 35-40 miles. Enjoy beautiful beaches, pounding surf, salt marshes, granite quarries, coastal tidal pools, and a great ride! Bring a picnic lunch or money to buy lunch, and we'll stop for snacks. Bring a bathing suit if you want to swim. (Riders under 18 that wish to swim must have a waiver signed by legal guardian). Bring an MBTA Bike Pass and \$8 for the commuter rail. Meet at BNB ready to ride at 9:30am or meet us at North Station at 10am. We return to North Station at 6:30 pm, and to BNB before 7:00. (Led by Carl Kurz)

## Good Earth Farm in Westboro Ride - Sunday June 18

Moderately-paced 30 miles round trip. This 6-acre organic farm feeds 150 families through its Community-Supported Agriculture program. Join us for a route through suburban woods, lakes and rivers! We'll spend a few hours at the farm for lunch and some planting work. Pack a lunch. Bring an MBTA Bike Pass and \$6.50 for the commuter rail. Meet at BNB ready to ride at 10:30, or meet us at Back Bay Station to take the 11:05 commuter rail. We arrive back at Back Bay station at 4:25, back to BNB before 5. (Led by Neil Thomson)

## Neighborhood Unity Ride - Saturday June 24

Great for families! An easy 15 miles. A fun family ride through Roxbury, Dorchester, and South Boston neighborhoods, with a picnic lunch at Castle Island. Pack a picnic lunch and bring money for drink and snack stops. Meet at BNB at 10:30am and return by 3:00. (Led by Eric Hall)

## Walden Pond Ride - Sunday July 2

Moderately-paced 40 miles round trip. Rolling hills through farmland on the backside of Belmont into Concord and out to Walden Pond. We come back by Trapelo Rd. and Mass. Ave. through Cambridge. Bring your swimsuit! Pack a lunch and bring money for snacks and ice cream. Meet at BNB at 10am, ready to ride by 10:30; back to BNB by 5pm. (Led by Chris Huggins)

## Farm Pond Ride - Sunday July 9

Faster-paced 40 miles round-trip. Average pace should be at least 12-15 mph. We travel west through Brookline, Newton, Needham, and Dover, crossing the Charles a few times. Enjoy rolling hills, woods, old farm houses and mill ponds! Pack a lunch, we'll stop for drinks, and we'll take a 1/2 hr to 1 hr. break at the pond. Meet at BNB at 10am, return by 3pm. (Led by Ellen Lapowsky)

## Charles River to Watertown Ride - Saturday July 15

Great for families! Easy-paced 15 miles. Enjoy Boston and Cambridge's network of bike paths along the scenic Charles River. We start by tracing a section of Olmstead's Emerald Necklace and continue on the Cambridge side of the river to Watertown and back. Bring money for snack stops in Watertown. Meet at BNB at 10am, return by 1 or 1:30. (Led by Carl Kurz)

## Emerald Necklace Parks Ride - Sunday July 23

Great for families! Easy-paced 12 miles. We take the Southwest Corridor bike path through this beautiful series of parks designed by Frederick Law Olmstead, including the Arnold Arboretum and Franklin Park! Getaway to green spaces and wooded trails so close to home. Meet at BNB at 1:00 and return by 5:30. (Led by Neil Thomson)

## Concord / Great Meadows - Sunday August 6

Great for families! Very easy-paced 15 miles -no hills. After a trip on the commuter rail, we'll ride a bike path to the Old North Bridge in Concord - the scene of the 2nd battle of the Revolutionary War "after Lexington." This site is one of the most beautiful places in New England. After a history talk and a picnic lunch we'll travel a few miles to the Great Meadows for bird watching and a walk.. The Great Meadows is part of the North-South flyway and often includes some rarely-seen birds! Pack a picnic lunch or money to buy food at the Concord station deli. Bring an MBTA Bike Pass and \$6.50 for the commuter rail. Meet at BNB at 10am- ready to ride by 10:45. We'll return on the 4:30 train (or if you want to stay - the 6:20 train) The return trip is about an hour. (Led by Ray Jordan)

## Larz Anderson Park, Bicycle Show Ride - Sunday August 13

Great for families! Easy-paced 15 or so miles. Explore 7 beautiful parks all easily accessible by bicycle, including the Stoney Brook Reservation, the Forest Hills Cemetery, Franklin Park and more. At the Larz Anderson Park Bike Show, the Museum of Transportation aided by local bike shops and many other enthusiasts will show off antique bicycles, have used bike booths, and piles and piles of cool bike stuff. Pack a lunch or bring money for snacks. Meet at BNB at 10am or join us at 10:30 at the Jamaica pond Boat House. Back to BNB by 3pm. (Led by Chris Huggins)

## Crane's Beach Ride - Sunday September 17

Moderately-paced 40 miles. Ride to one of the Northeast's most beautiful beaches, dunes area and wildlife refuge! We will take the commuter rail to Beverly and then ride through beautiful forests, meadows, and extraordinary salt marsh on our way to and from the beach. Bring a beach towel and suit if you want to swim. Pack a lunch or cash for a well-stocked concession stand. Bring an MBTA Bike Pass and \$8 for the commuter rail. We will leave BNB promptly at 9:30am or you can meet us at 10am at North Station. Back to BNB by 7pm. (Led by Carl Kurz)

## 13th Annual Bike-A-Thon! - Sunday October 1st

This is our big annual fundraising ride. Help raise money to support Bikes Not Bombs! Choose from 25 mile or 62 mile beautiful rides, go at your own pace, and join us afterward for a fully-catered meal and celebration! Call us.

## Vangarden Farm in Dover, Harvest Ride - Sunday October 8

Moderately-paced 30 miles. Join us for this beautiful ride out to the organic Vangarden Farm in Dover - a Community Supported Agriculture farm! This is a repeat of the ride we did during the planting season. Chris Yoder will give a talk about the farm and organic agriculture, we'll have a picnic lunch, and help with the fruit harvest. Bring food for the picnic. Meet at BNB at 10am, and we'll return by 5pm. (Led by Eric Hall)

**Contact us!** Call 617-442-0004. Email: [bnbrox@igc.org](mailto:bnbrox@igc.org). Web: [www.bikesnotbombs.org](http://www.bikesnotbombs.org).

Bikes Not Bombs, 59 Amory St. #103, Roxbury, MA 02119. On the Jamaica Plain/ Roxbury line. Amory St. comes off of Columbus Ave. in Jackson Square, near the Jackson Sq. T on the Orange Line. Email to join our email list!

### Who can ride:

- 1) All adults (18+) are welcome to ride, whether you've been to Bikes Not Bombs before or not! Join us!
- 2) Youth (12-17) who have been in our Earn-A-Bike programs are welcome.
- 3) Youth (12-17) who haven't done an Earn-A-Bike program with us must be accompanied by a legal guardian, or a chaperone with a permission slip signed by a legal guardian.
- 4) Youth (11 and under) can ride on 15 mile or shorter rides accompanied by a legal guardian, or with a chaperone with a permission slip signed by a legal guardian.

**Distance and Pace:** Family-Oriented Rides have an easy pace and are accessible to everyone, children to adults. Moderately-paced rides take some work but aren't overly difficult, and have regular breaks.

**Preparation:** Unless otherwise noted, all rides meet at, and return to, Bikes Not Bombs (BNB). All riders must wear a helmet (we can also provide helmets). Bring water for longer rides and dress for the weather. Make sure your fitness and bike are appropriate, and come early if you want to put air in your tires or have us check out your bike. Call if you have questions! It's also good to call to confirm in the week before a ride happens.

### \* Important! \*

- \* Commuter Rail \* Some rides include the commuter rail. Riders must have an MBTA Bike Pass in order to take bikes on the commuter rail. Cost \$5 for 3 years - call the MBTA or contact us for purchase info and locations.
- \* Chaperones \* do not bring more youth than you can supervise yourself.
- \* Swimming \* any youth under 18 must have a waiver signed by a legal guardian in order to be allowed to swim.

# NEW COMMUNITY PROJECTS

## GATHERINGS

*Every month there will be a Gathering to share common community interests, and to network with new folks.*

*Our goal is to bring people together around individual interests and needs, as well as community/social change issues.*

*Our Gatherings are a place to visit if you want to start a support group, study group, or organize a collective/cooperative, or announce a "protest."*

*The first part of our Gathering will focus on a discussion concerning community issues such as the Housing Crisis, Forming Intentional Communities, and Creating a Strong Alternative Culture.*

### EVERYONE IS WELCOME!

Second Friday of Every Month  
Christ Church  
0 Garden Street / Harvard Square  
Cambridge

7:00 p.m.-9:00 p.m.

For more information, please call Don at (617) 864-9278.

# **SOUL**

**Students Organizing for Unity and Leadership**

**FREE FILM ORGANIZING PROJECT**



## **GATE OF HEAVENLY PEACE**

**Documentary on the student demonstrations at  
Tiananmen Square, 1989**

**FREE ADMISSION AND REFRESHMENTS**

**Thursday November 21, 4:15pm - 7:15pm**

**Lipke Auditorium, Science Building 2nd floor, UMass-Boston**

**SPONSORED BY**

**Alcohol & Substance Awareness Center, A.R.M.S. Center, Asian Center, Black Student Center,  
Every Women Center, Lesbian Gay Bisexual Center, Low-Income Campus Student Organizer,  
United Youth, UPHL,**

**Directions to Umass-Boston by T :**

**Take the Red Line to JFK UMass stop and board the free shuttle buses to campus.**

## SCHEDEULE

Friday, June 13

Arrival period

Speaker (TBA)

Dinner, by Food Not Bombs

Music: Punk, Folk, Reggae, Etc.

Saturday, June 14

Morning Workshops  
Lunch, by Food Not Bombs  
Games

Afternoon Workshops

Dinner, by Food Not Bombs

Discussion Period: A time to exchange ideas with others based on the day's activities.

Sunday, June 15

Workshops

Lunch, by Food Not Bombs

Day of Action: March and Building

Takeover: We will demand that the city turn an abandoned building we occupy over to us to transform into housing for the homeless. A small group will be prepared to commit civil disobedience.

Party: At the house if we get it, outside the police station if we don't.

We are still hammering out the details of the schedule. Get in touch with us for exact times and places.

## HOMESTEAD '97

There is no fee for the conference

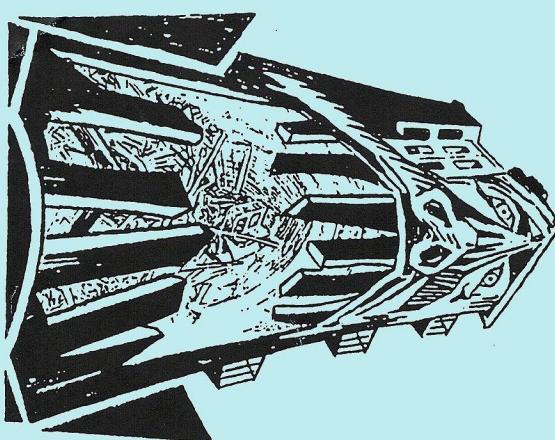
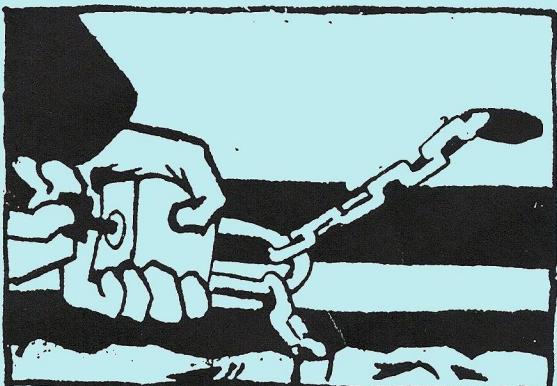
Please contact us before-hand if you will need housing or childcare

JUNE 13-15  
BOSTON

For more information on attending, please contact:

Homes Not Jails  
PO Box 390351  
Cambridge, MA  
02139

617-787-3436, ext.3



A conference for grassroots and direct action activists interested in coalition building and creative solutions to poverty and homelessness.

sponsored by  
Homes Not Jails and  
Food Not Bombs,  
Boston/Cambridge

Homestead '97 is intended to be not just a conference, but a time for coalition building and creativity. With the cuts in social spending and the war on people of low income and color in the guise of the war on drugs, the situation in the United States now is dire. We seek to bring together people from a diversity of backgrounds to challenge this growing climate of hostility and forge a new movement for social change. We want to develop new and creative solutions to the problems of poverty, hunger, homelessness, police brutality and the rest of society's plagues.

Toward this end, we will have a number of workshop sessions on a wide variety of subjects. Planned workshops will range from people's legal rights as welfare recipients and tenants, to training in nonviolence and consensus, to talks on neoliberalism, to strategies to create tenant owned and operated housing projects. Although the Boston/Cambridge chapters of Homes Not Jails and Food Not Bombs will be hosting the conference, we have no desire to dominate it. We wish to create a forum where people from many different groups and areas can exchange ideas, resources and experiences. We hope that much of what goes on at the conference

community of activism. We hope that people will leave the conference feeling inspired and empowered. We hope that they will feel that they have concrete, new ways to transform their frustration and anger into creative action. Above all, we hope people will come away knowing that they are not alone, that there is a community of activists out there all struggling for a more just and compassionate world.

The focus of the conference will be on grassroots organizing and nonviolent direct action. Many people are already attempting to address the problems of this country through electoral means, but we believe any social movement will fail if these other two strategies are not given their due.

If we are to build a truly democratic future, change must come from the bottom up - from the grassroots. The struggle truly starts with people coming together and fighting injustice in their own communities. We emphasize direct action because it can be both more empowering and more effective than electoral politics. It produces concrete results, so people can see that they are achieving things through their own effort. Those in power often will only give into the demands of progressive lobbyists when they see people taking to the streets and committing civil disobedience in support of these demands.

People are already out there doing community organizing and direct action, but these efforts are often scattered. At Homestead '97, we hope to bring these people together to forge a new, dynamic



You read about it in the Book of Revelation!

Now come celebrate

# Anti-Christmas

THE LATEST "INTERNATIONAL BUY-NOTHING DAY"

With Satan Claus, Friedrich Nietzsche, Jesus Anarchist,  
The Damnation Army(multiple Jesus and Satans welcome)

The PIT- Harvard Sq.—3pm to dusk  
**SUNDAY, JUNE 25, 2000**

Jesus didn't wanna be no christ

A Crown? —how boring—  
I thought you Americans hated crowns

Jesus, an anarchist, was  
annointed "King of the World" by  
a bunch of king-needy advertisers  
who turned his execution into their  
corporate logo. Recent publicists have  
turned a good excuse for A party into an  
orgy of world-devouring Consumption.

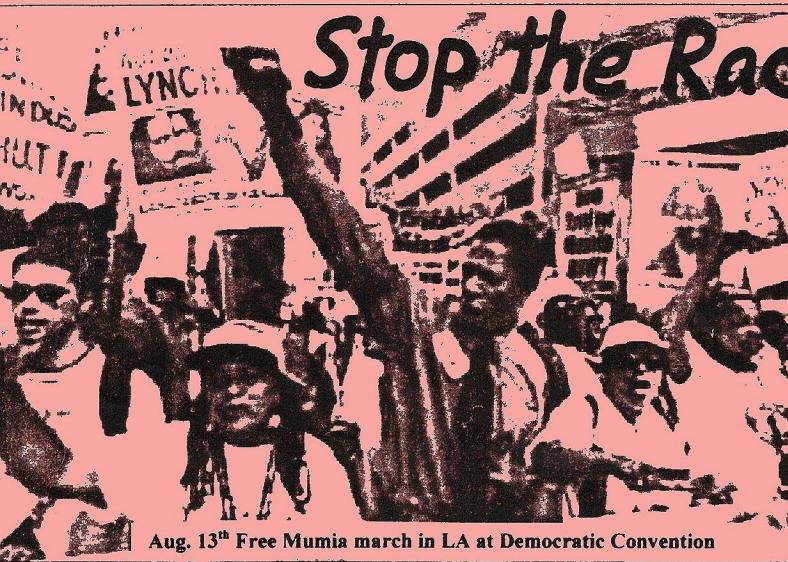
Bring newly-written antichristmas  
carols, ornaments, kitsch, toys, "gifts".  
Be American and overthrow manifestos.  
"Christ"ianity and Madison Avenue!

PROZAC

NOW IN  
HOLIDAY  
STRENGTH

sleeping. He knows when you're awake."

"I am an antichrist, I am an anarchist"-Mr. Rotten



# Stop the Racist Death Penalty!

**Bush/Gore: Debate this!**

**The People Demand:**

- New Trial for Mumia Abu-Jamal!
  - Not One More Lynching!
- Ban Mass. Prison Construction!
- Money for Jobs, Housing, Health, Education, Not more Prisons!
  - Ban Mass. Incarceration Of Black Women!
- Free All Political Prisoners!

## Boston March on the Death Debates!

# Tues., Oct. 3

**Rally 5:00-6:00pm  
Dudley Square**

**(Target: Police/Court complex)**

(Gather at Post Office. Directions: Orange line T to Ruggles, then shuttle bus to Dudley)

# March 6:00pm

*Sponsored by the Boston Coalition for Mumia Abu-Jamal*

**617-412-3487 email: [boston4mumia@mediaone.net](mailto:boston4mumia@mediaone.net)**

**[www.mumia2000.org](http://www.mumia2000.org)**

Partial list of endorsers: City Councilor Chuck Turner, Nation of Islam-Mosque 11, Jericho Movement, Committees of Correspondence for Democracy and Socialism, Liberate, Cornell West, International Action Center—Boston, American Friends Service Comm., Workers World Party, International Community to Save the Life of Mumia Abu-Jamal. (Paris)

# BOSTON COALITION FOR MUMIA ABU JAMAL

2161 Massachusetts Ave. Cambridge, MA 02140  
boston4mumia@mediaone.net

5 September 2000

Dear People,

Warm greetings and the best of health to you from the Boston Coalition for Mumia Abu-Jamal. The following is a letter of appeal and an invitation for your participation. The first two events that we are hosting focus on the death penalty and prisons, while the third links all the issues. We hope that you will help make the connection and bring unity, because this is **one** struggle with many issues. Let us not stay divided. Today, two million people languish in U.S. prisons. More than half are of African descent — the victims of a racist, repressive state. The United States — the world's richest country — spends more money on prisons than schools, more time demonizing inner-city youth than solving real problems, and more energy calculating ways to divide than to unify people.

The government expends a lot of effort picking who will speak for us. But our own voices must be heard on these issues. We urge you to participate with us in several upcoming events.

**September 29th:** The Boston Coalition for Mumia is hosting a teach-in/speak-out at UMass Boston on the death penalty, the prison-industrial complex, and the case of Mumia Abu-Jamal. The program will begin at 6:30 P.M. in the Lipke Auditorium. Scheduled speakers include Mumia Abu-Jamal, Ramona Africa of the MOVE organization, Professor Cornel West of Harvard, Steven Hawkins of the National Coalition to Abolish the Death Penalty, and Boston City Councilor Chuck Turner, among notable others.

**October 1st:** we will repeat the program in the community beginning at 3:00 pm at the First Church in Roxbury (located in Elliott Square). Additional guest speakers will include Minister Don Muhammad of the Nation of Islam, attorney Margaret Burnham, and Jamie Suarez-Potts of the American Friends Service Committee.

**October 3rd:** This event coincides with the scheduled presidential “debate” between Al Gore, the mad co-bomber of Iraq and Yugoslavia, and George W. Bush, the Texas death row serial killer. These candidates won’t debate the death penalty, except perhaps to boast about who is more in favor of state-sponsored killing. They won’t talk about shifting money from prison construction to housing and schools.

The Boston Coalition for Mumia has called a march and rally for October 3rd. Our demands: “Money for Schools, Housing, and Hospitals — Not for Prisons and Legal Lynchings! Stop the Death Penalty Now! Justice for Mumia Abu-Jamal!” We will gather for this mass demonstration beginning at 5:00 pm at the post office in Dudley Square, Roxbury. We will step off at 6:00 pm and make our way through the community.

This demonstration is by and for the community. The issues of housing, jobs, healthcare, and community power are all linked directly to prisons and the death penalty. People who are victimized by a system that denies their fundamental rights end up in prisons and on death row. Please join us in helping to build these events to be as broad as possible. We ask that you or your organization endorse the events (send endorsements by email or post to the address above). The Boston Coalition for Mumia meets each Monday evening at 6:30 pm at the First Church in Roxbury. All are welcome!

In struggle!

# **Star Wars:**

- x Wastes Money**
- x Won't Work**
- x Will Make Us Less Safe**

**Don't let it happen.**

## **Nationwide Star Wars Action Days**

### **Summer 2000**

Let President Clinton, Vice President Gore and Congress know that you oppose Star Wars. Join local activists across the country to voice public opposition to Star Wars-type weapon systems. Call or write the President, your senators, your representative and candidates Bush and Gore.

#### **Background**

This Fall, we expect President Clinton to decide whether or not to deploy Star Wars (a.k.a. National Missile Defense or NMD). Star Wars fails all of the deployment criteria the Administration has established.

#### **1) Star Wars is a waste of money.**

- The Pentagon has spent over \$122 billion on anti-missile weapons programs over the last 40 years (\$67 billion on Star Wars since 1983), and President Clinton's proposed system will cost an additional \$60 billion.
- A senior engineer at TRW, a major Star Wars contractor, has made allegations that some of the systems tests were faked.

#### **2) Star Wars doesn't work.**

- Despite this enormous budget, reputable scientists say that Star Wars is not an effective weapon.
- Star Wars tests have only been conducted with cooperative targets where the speed, trajectory and size are known in advance to the intercepting missile.
- Only three of the 19 scheduled tests will take place before President Clinton makes his decision about deploying Star Wars.

#### **3) Star Wars will make the world more dangerous.**

- If a "rogue" country or terrorist group attacks it is most likely to choose a low-tech means of weapons delivery that Star Wars could not prevent—like smuggling weapons into the United States in ships, planes, or rental trucks.
- Deploying Star Wars would violate the cornerstone arms control treaty between the United States and Russia (the Anti-Ballistic Missile Treaty), and could end the ongoing reductions in Russia's nuclear arsenal and undermine efforts to eliminate nuclear weapons.
- President Vladimir Putin has threatened to pull out of both the ABM and START treaties if we deploy this system.

**Sponsoring organizations:** Disarmament Clearinghouse • Fourth Freedom Forum • Friends Committee on National Legislation • Peace Action Education Fund • Peace Links • Physicians for Social Responsibility • Taxpayers for Common Sense • 20/20 Vision • Women Strike for Peace • Women's Action for New Directions • Women's International League for Peace and Freedom

**For information contact:** Massachusetts Peace Action 617-354-2169 - [masspa@gis.net](mailto:masspa@gis.net)



# STAR WARS

## NATIONAL MISSILE DEFENSE

### COLOSSAL + FAILURE = COLOSSAL FAILURE

United States spending on ballistic missile defense has topped \$120 billion over the last 40 years and \$67.7 billion since Ronald Reagan launched his Star Wars program in 1983. The President and Congress have dedicated another \$10.5 billion in the next six years in an attempt to deploy a national missile defense by 2005. For this money, we could employ 65,000 teachers for four years, or provide Pell grants for ten million low-income students, or provide networked computer labs for every school in the nation.

Over the last 17 years, the Pentagon's Star Wars system has failed 13 of the last 16 tests. All of the successes were qualified. In 1984, the target was heated hotter than normal so that the heat-seeking interceptor would find it. In the second case, the interceptor was told in advance the identity, speed, time and trajectory of the target so as not to be confused with other objects in space. Most recently, the successful Aug. 2 THAAD test intercepted a slow-flying short-range missile, not the much faster longer-range missiles Star Wars is supposed to work against.

Determined madmen are more likely to choose simpler means to deliver a weapon of mass destruction which missile defense does nothing to stop, namely suitcase-sized bombs loaded into trucks, boats, planes or balloons. If they did launch a missile, they would most likely employ countermeasures which can outsmart missile defense. Potential aggressors are already deterred by the massive US arsenal of over 7,000 strategic warheads. It is pure folly to spend hundreds of billions of dollars on a weapon system that does not work and does not address the more likely threats that do exist.

#### Buy Before You Fly?

President Clinton is scheduled to make a decision whether to deploy a missile defense system (i.e., commit to buy the weapon) in June of 2000. Yet, there are several critical tests scheduled that need to be performed between 2002 and 2005 to determine the program's feasibility. Deciding to deploy missile defense before feasibility tests are complete runs counter to the common sense dictum to 'fly before you buy.'

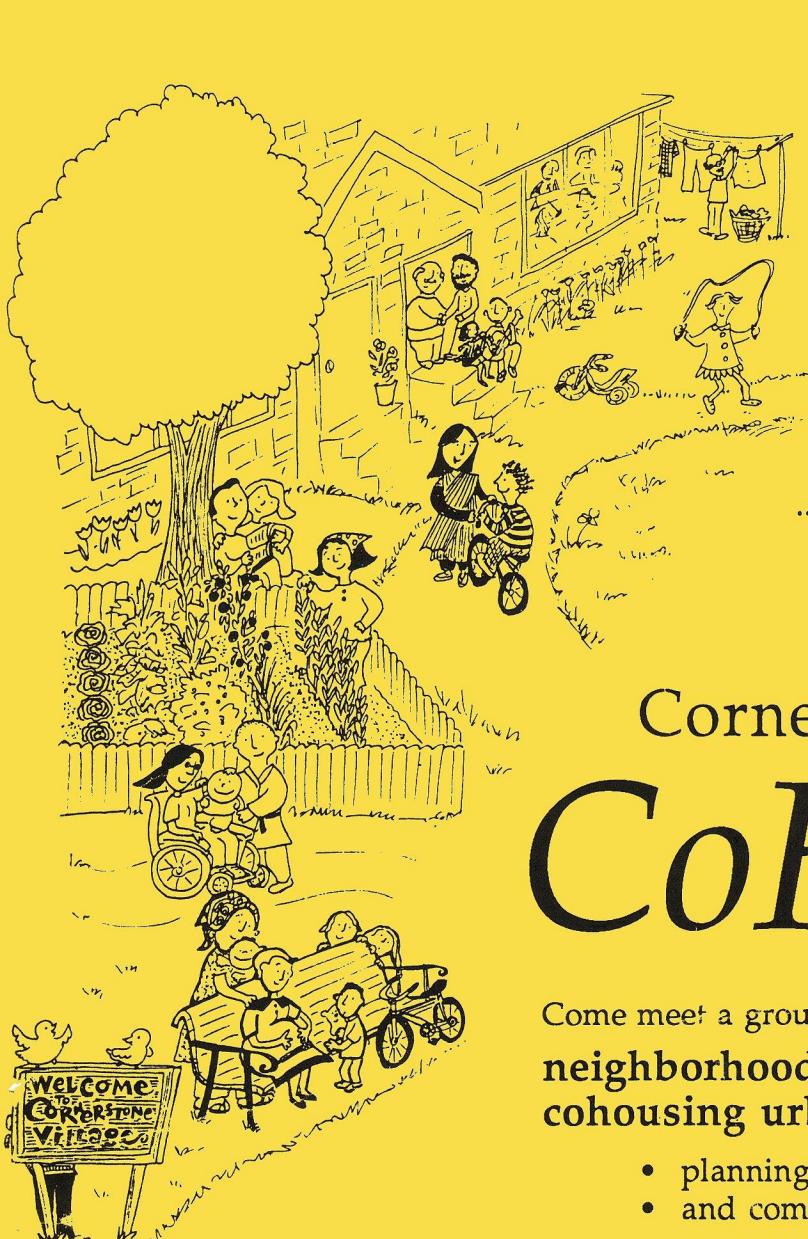
#### Star Wars Threatens Disarmament

Star Wars threatens to undermine disarmament by damaging the Anti-Ballistic Missile Treaty, a linch-pin in furthering disarmament with Russia and other nations. Star Wars also threatens to destroy the START II treaty, provoking Russia into deploying multiple warhead missiles to overwhelm US missile defense. Russia has already delayed ratification of START II twice and has returned many tactical war-

heads to service. The path forward in building real security is de-alerting nuclear weapons, reducing their number to enhance control, and then abolishing them. Many experts believe a US missile defense would also provoke China to build up its stockpile of deployed missiles to retain a nuclear deterrent against the United States.

*If this program were in the corporate world, everyone associated with it would be fired. If it were a domestic spending program, Republicans would have torn it to shreds by now.— Molly Ivins, 3/99*





*"It takes a Village ...."*

..... to raise a child

..... to support our families

..... to enrich all our lives

# Cornerstone CoHousing

Come meet a group of  
**neighborhood-minded area residents building a  
cohousing urban village** in North Cambridge. We're

- planning attractive private homes
- and community facilities, *with*
  - neighborhood common house
  - pedestrian walkways, children's play areas, gardens
  - frequent neighborhood meals
  - and simple, spontaneous fun !

**available homes** –apartments and townhouses–will range from \$220,000 to \$445,000. Join us for an Orientation Meeting and find out how you can be a part of an innovative urban village:

#### **Cornerstone Orientation Meetings:**

**Saturday, November 20, 1999, 10 am - 12**

*Central Square Library, 5 Pearl Street, Cambridge*

**Thursday, December 9, 1999, 7 pm - 9 pm**

*Central Square Library, 5 Pearl Street, Cambridge*

*(The Central Square Library is 2 blocks from Massachusetts Avenue and the Central Square T-stop; garage parking available at Green Street Garage on the corner of Green Street and Pearl.)*

For more information on Cornerstone Cohousing: Stella Tarnay (617) 491-0096,  
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## **WORLD CAR-FREE DAY**

An international movement to promote awareness of the social, personal and environmental cost of our over-reliance on the automobile - costs such as pollution, congestion and suburban sprawl. Since 1997, cities worldwide have banned the automobile for one day to reclaim the urban environment from automotive dominance. This year cities in France, Italy, Ireland, Portugal, Belgium, Finland, Sweden and Spain will participate in a European Union sanctioned "European Car-Free Day" on Friday September 22. Previous Car-Free Days have turned into festivals celebrating urban life.

Car Busters, an organization in the Czech Republic, called for an alternative "World Car-Free Day" on Thursday September 21 to focus attention on the serious message that cars harm health and the environment. We are here today to join this international movement and to show how poor road design limits cycling and walking in Boston.

For more information, see [www.carbusters.ecn.cz](http://www.carbusters.ecn.cz)  
Call Bikes Not Bombs at 617 442 0004



### **CARS**

**Use 40% of downtown space for streets and parking**

**Use 3 times the space of an average home for parking at home, at work and on errands**

**Kill 49,000 annually on US highways and 30,000 through air pollution**

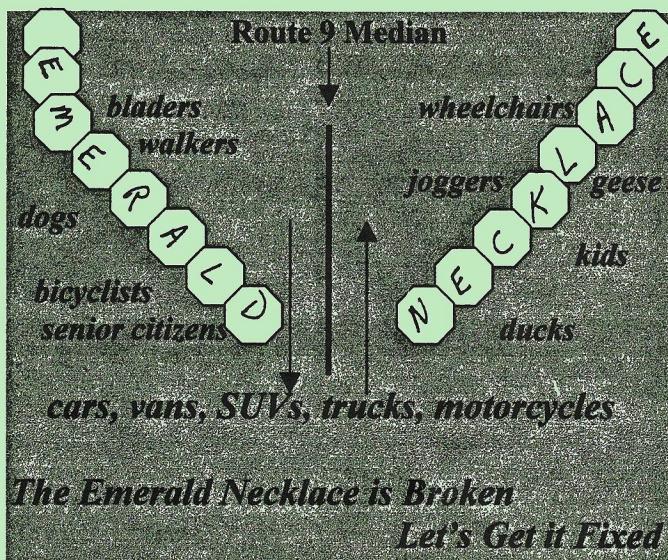
**Are the #1 killer of children**

**Cause acid rain**

**Raise blood pressure and anxiety levels**

***Reclaim the streets for children, walkers, bicyclists, joggers, people in wheelchairs, and neighborhood activities.***

# WHAT DO YOU GET WHEN FOUR EMERALD NECKLACE BIKE PATHS COME TOGETHER HERE AT ROUTE 9?



A STONE - AND  
CONCRETE - WALL!

BICYCLISTS,  
PEDESTRIANS,  
and CARS ALL  
PLAYING DODGE

The paths on both sides of the Riverway & Jamaicaway are heavily used for recreation, exercise, and non-car commuting, but:

- ◆ For bicyclists, joggers, pedestrians, rollerbladers, and people in wheelchairs there is *no safe, legal connection* across Route 9.
- ◆ Vehicle drivers face bicyclists and pedestrians darting across Route 9 in the middle of traffic.

*This intersection doesn't work for any of us!*

Activists have spent years trying to get this intersection fixed. The MDC has studied it and the MDC has a plan for a safe, legal crossing. Why doesn't the MDC just fix it?

Maybe we should ask them:

Metropolitan District Commission (MDC) Community Affairs Office 617-727-5114

The Route 9 crossing is one of many gaps in the Emerald Necklace where paths are broken up by busy streets, highways, and dangerous intersections. This is symptomatic of our car-oriented culture.

*It's time to put resources into healthier, non-polluting ways of getting around the Boston area.*

To get involved contact:

Bikes Not Bombs:

617-442-0004

bnbrox@igc.org      www.bikesnotbombs.org

# EARTH AWARENESS RALLY & PARADE

**YES !**

A Celebration of biodiversity  
for people of all ages!

**Sunday, March 26<sup>th</sup>**

COPLEY SQUARE RALLY – 1:00 P.M.

PARADE – 3:00 P.M.

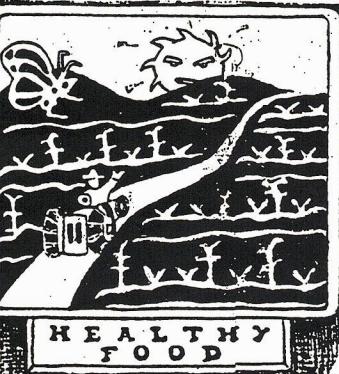
(From Copley, up Boylston to Hynes Convention Ctr.)

Volunteers needed for:  
Cooking, puppet pageant,  
peace keepers, clean-up crew

Come and enjoy live music, puppets,  
theater, entertainment, and  
education about



biotechnology's impacts on people,  
the environment, and our society



# Genetically engineered pollen kills monarch butterflies and contaminates organic crops.

CAN WE TRUST THE CREATORS OF GENETIC  
ENGINEERING WITH OUR FUTURE?

NO !

## Biodevastation 2000 conference/teach-in

*Resistance and Solutions  
to the Corporate Monopoly  
on Power, Food and Life*

**Northeastern University  
Boston, MA**

**March 24-26**

**Featured Speakers include:**

Vandana Shiva (RFSTE, India), Barry Commoner (tentative), Hope Shand (RAFI), Ruth Hubbard (Council for Responsible Genetics), Steve Wilson & Jane Akre (formerly of Fox TV), Martin Shaw (GenetiX Snowball, UK), John Kinsman (National Family Farm Coalition), Victoria Corpuz (Indigenous activist, Philippines), plus scientists, farmers and people from around the world.

**Volunteers** are needed for conference planning, logistics, food, outreach, etc.

**Donate** to this grassroots event to support space costs, media work, outreach, speakers' travel, etc.

**For more information:** [www.biodev.org](http://www.biodev.org), [nerage@sover.net](mailto:nerage@sover.net)  
**To get involved:** 617-524-7841, or 1-877-9RESIST  
**E-mail:** [biod2000@jamaicaplain.com](mailto:biod2000@jamaicaplain.com) (Boston area)

**Co-sponsors:** Institute for Social Ecology, Northeast Resistance Against Genetic Engineering, People's Earth Network, Edmonds Institute, ACERCA (Action for Community & Ecology in the Rainforests of Central America), Clean Water Action, Council for Responsible Genetics, Diverse Women for Diversity, People Against Corporate Takeover, Pesticide Action Network (PANNA), Native Forest Network, Boston/Cambridge Food Not Bombs, Toxics Action Center, Greenpeace USA, Northeastern University Women's Studies Department, Northeastern University Sociology Club, MassPIRG, Mass Earth First!

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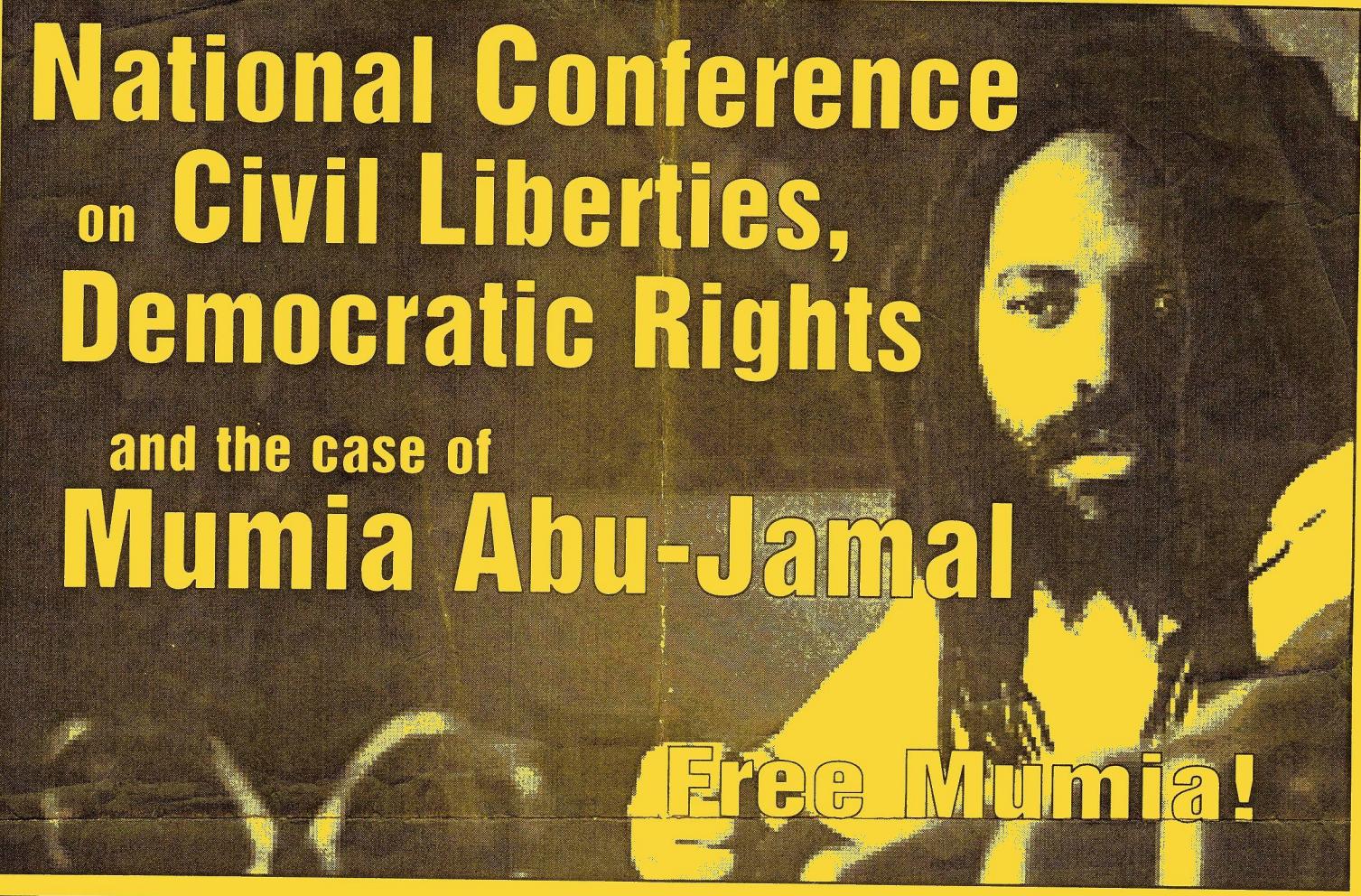
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*The assault on American liberties since 9-11*

# National Conference on Civil Liberties, Democratic Rights

and the case of

## Mumia Abu-Jamal



Free Mumia!

**Nov. 15 - 16, 2002**  
**University of California, Berkeley**

Dwinelle Hall & Valley Life Science buildings

### Conference schedule:

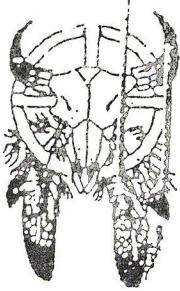
- *Friday, Nov. 15, 6 p.m.: Initial registration (Dwinelle Hall)  
7 p.m.: Opening session / keynote speakers (Dwinelle Hall)*
- *Saturday, Nov. 16, 9 a.m.: Registration (Dwinelle Hall)  
10 a.m.: Opening plenary / keynote speakers (Dwinelle & Valley Life Science bldgs.)  
11:30 - 5:30: Fifty workshops scheduled in three sessions (see reverse side for details)  
7:30 p.m.: Mass rally (location to be announced)*

Hosts: The Mobilization to Free Mumia Abu-Jamal

Department of Ethnic Studies, University of California at Berkeley,

Institute for the Study of Social Change, University of California at Berkeley

Initial co-sponsors: International Family & Friends of Mumia Abu-Jamal, National Lawyers Guild, New York Free Mumia Coalition, Chicago Committee to Free Mumia Abu-Jamal; and the free-Mumia coalitions in France, Germany, Spain, Italy, and Denmark

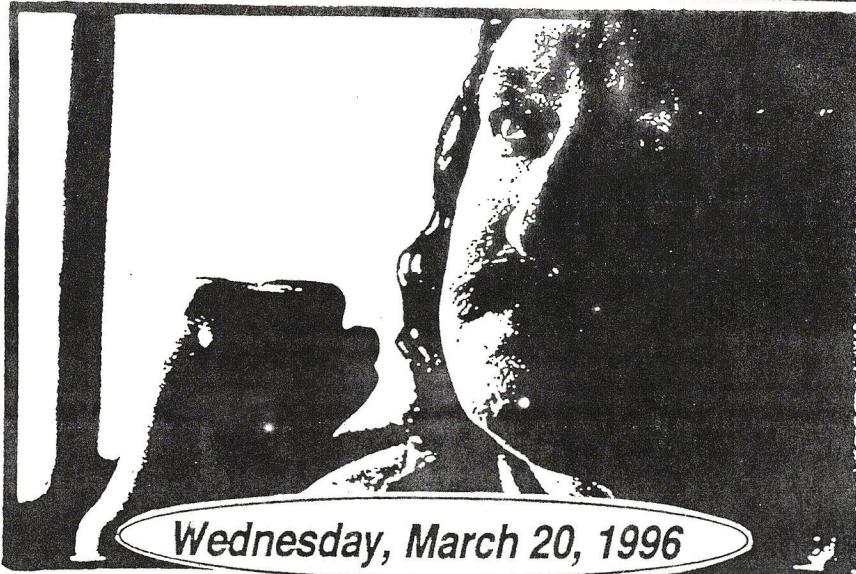


# CIVIL

# DISOBEDIENCE

## PLANNED FOR

# LEONARD PELTIER!



After 19 years of unjust, unwarranted, and unexplained imprisonment Leonard Peltier is **STILL** being held captive for a "crime" his accusers have even admitted he did not commit.

As a last legal recourse for Leonard, he has an executive clemency petition pending with the US "Justice" department. With an average time of 6 to 9 months for a clemency decision to be made, Attorney General Janet Reno has been sitting on this petition for 24 MONTHS now!

**WE** the supporters of Leonard Peltier can wait NO LONGER!

**WE** have had enough of this governments flagrant disregard for real justice by their constant dismissal of their OWN recorded evidence that proves Leonard's innocence!

**WE** have decided that a change **MUST** be made to win Leonard's freedom. **WE** have decided that **NEW** tactics must take place. As a result of the RACIST FBI's recent lobbying efforts to delay the executive clemency decision yet even longer, CIVIL DISOBEDIENCE actions are currently being organized.

The National Committee for Nonviolent Civil Disobedience to Free Leonard Peltier will begin its campaign on MARCH 20, 1996 in Washington, DC and other key locations. If you are interested in taking part in the DEMANDING of the long overdue and unconditional release of Political Prisoner Leonard Peltier, please contact the address below for further details:

NATIONAL COMMITTEE FOR NONVIOLENT CIVIL DISOBEDIENCE  
TO FREE LEONARD PELTIER

**"FREE PELTIER NOW"**

**P.O. BOX 76609**

**WASHINGTON, DC 20013-6609**

**202-783-2512**

# **March on May Day**

## **FOR A SYSTEM IN WHICH NO HUMAN BEING IS CALLED AN "ILLEGAL ALIEN"**

Last week the House of Representatives passed a bill that would bar children of undocumented immigrants from public schools. This week pictures of illegal immigrants being beaten like Rodney King filled the airwaves. What kind of a system is this that criminalizes children and workers who cross a border to look for a job, but gives AT&T the **legal** right to rob 40,000 workers of their livelihoods, and lets Philip Morris **legally** add nicotine to cigarettes to make them more addictive and then walk away with million\$??!!

It's **capitalism!** And who needs it?! It's a system where the laws, courts and police protect profit making above all else, and the value of workers lives are measured by how much profit they produce for the bosses.

Other provisions of this anti-immigrant bill would: Double the size of the border patrol, build *14 miles of fence along the U.S./Mexican border and require immigrants to speak English in order* to get into the U.S. And don't think the Democrats will do any better. During the Clinton years, there has been a 75% increase in the number of foreigners deported. Even arch racist Buchanan is complementing Clinton for his anti-immigrant policies.

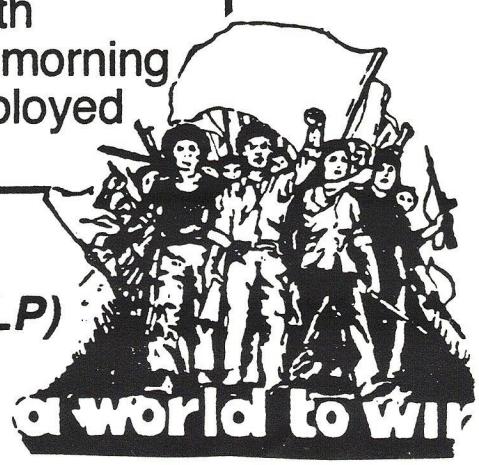
The rich class is scapegoating immigrants to divide the working class and condition us to view fellow workers as more or less deserving of a good life. Then they proceed to drive down the standard of living of us all and get us to blame immigrants and welfare recipients for the economic failures of capitalism.

**On May Day, we'll march in Washington D. C. to smash these lies and this rotten system** (not reform it, like politicians promise). We'll march to **smash national borders** that only exist for the bosses' benefit. We'll march shoulder to shoulder, American and foreign born, black, Latin, Asian, white, men and women, young and old, employed and unemployed. We'll march for **communism**, where the working class will run society, where bosses, racism and exploitation will be outlawed. Where the values of collectivity, and sharing will be as common as McDonald's hamburgers are today. **March with us.** Capitalism belongs in the garbage heap of history. Help build a new international communist movement that can lead us to a bright future.

### **MARCH ON MAY DAY**

Washington D.C.      Saturday, MAY 4th  
Busses leave Fri. night and return early Sun. morning  
Tickets: \$25 students, unemployed \$50 employed  
For information call **536-4753**

**PROGRESSIVE LABOR PARTY (PLP)**



# PROGRESSIVE LABOR PARTY

# MARCH ON MAY DAY

## March Against Layoffs

The bosses' economy is in crisis because of increased competition with other capitalists. Their solution is to make more goods with fewer workers, so they lay off workers by the tens of thousands. AT&T, despite record profits, just laid off 44,000 workers. Workers that remain must work 6-7 days a week, while millions of others are forced into low wage, part-time jobs.

## March Against Fascist Cutbacks

The politicians say they can't afford social programs, but this hides the glaring injustice of where our taxes come from and where they go. Since 1964 the bosses have reduced the tax rate for the super rich from 70% to 36%. Corporate taxes now account for less than 10% of Federal revenue, down from 25% in 1960. The government taxes more from workers, and spends it on the banks, the army, cops, and prisons.

## Smash Sexist Welfare Reform

Both the Republicans and Democrats are blaming the victim by saying that minority people on welfare, especially women, are lazy and don't deserve benefits. Cutting off benefits and forcing welfare recipients to work for slave wages will only create more homelessness and poverty. It will also drive down wages for all workers, as the bosses gain another source of cheap labor.

## Build Internationalism/Smash Racism

Borders only divide the world for profit making. Patriotism and nationalism are used to get workers to side with their own bosses. Proposition 187 in California cut off benefits to undocumented immigrants to get American born and legal immigrants to turn on their working class brothers and sisters. The Million Man March showed what happens when people react to racism without multi-racial unity. Millions of workers are slaughtered around in the world in Rwanda, Bosnia, Chechnya, and dozens of other places instead of uniting to fight capitalism.

**Call 536-4753 for info. or mail to PLP, PO Box 836, Roxbury, MA 02120:**

I want to help organize

Please send me more info. about Progressive Labor Party

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Phone \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

Zip \_\_\_\_\_

## Fight for Communist Revolution

The dramas between the Democrats and Republicans are meant to divert us from building a working class movement that could liberate us from the profit system. How much difference is there really between Pat Buchanan and Bill Clinton? Both attack "big government". Both parties are pushing for more cutbacks. Elections and working within the system cannot change capitalism. We need to eliminate it. Workers already produce everything of value. We can build a society based on sharing the collective wealth.

## March on May Day

For over 100 years workers around the world have marched on May Day for their demands. We have a *choice* whether or not to accept this greedy and corrupt system. Reject capitalism's unemployment and misery. Fight for a true egalitarian communist society. March on May 4.

## March on May Day

Saturday, May 4, Washington D.C.  
Meet Central Square, Fri., May 3, 10:00 pm  
Tickets: \$50; \$20 students/unemployed

- Abolish Wage Slavery
- Smash Racism,Sexism,Nationalism
- End Imperialist War
- Create an Egalitarian Society



The Young Socialists and Socialist Workers Party invite you to

# Northeast Regional Socialist Educational Conference

**Friday, November 29—Sunday, December 1  
Washington, D.C.**

- ❖ What the 1996 elections revealed
- ❖ Resisting the bipartisan assault on social security and democratic rights, and imperialism's drive toward fascism and war
- ❖ Defending the Cuban revolution
- ❖ Building the communist movement today



Classes ■ Book sale ■ Socials

The conference will be held at the  
**Washington Hilton & Towers,**  
1919 Connecticut Ave., NW  
("T" St. between Connecticut and Florida Ave.)  
Washington, D. C.

For more information, contact:

**Young Socialists, or  
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780 Tremont Street  
Boston, MA 02118  
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clip and Socialist Education Conference  
mail to: address at left

Please call me with more information about the conference or transportation.  
 Enclosed is \$10 for a 12 week subscription to the socialist weekly newspaper, *The Militant*.  
 Enclosed is \$6 for a 4 month subscription to the Spanish language socialist monthly magazine, *Perspectiva Mundial*.

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# Sunday, July 25

## 12 noon - Boston Common

# Mass Rally & March at the Democratic Convention

## *End Colonial Occupation*

## *from Iraq to Palestine To*

## *Haiti and Everywhere!*



Bring The  
Troops Home  
Now!

- Stop Unionbusting - Contracts for Boston Workers Now!
- \$\$ for AIDS, Jobs, Housing, Education & Healthcare, Not War!
- Decriminalize Undocumented Workers!
- Stop Racist Detentions, Roundups & Deportations!
- Free Mumia Abu Jamal, Leonard Peltier & All Political Prisoners!
- Stand Against Racism at Home and Abroad!
- Equal Marriage Rights for All!
- Defend Women's Right to Choose!
- Defend Affirmative Action!
- Stop Racist Attacks on Desegregation!
- Union Jobs for the Communities of Boston

On July 26-29, 2004 the Democratic Party will be holding their national convention in Boston.

The time to act is now! We cannot rely on John Kerry or the Democratic Party to stop the Bush Administration. They represent the same corporate banking elite who are the core constituents of the Republican Party. That explains why the Democratic Party including almost all of the top leaders in Congress voted to support the illegal invasion of Iraq and continue to funnel tens of billions of dollars to support the criminal occupation at the expense of the working, poor and oppressed peoples of this country. It explains why neither party can address the growing economic crisis - unemployment, healthcare

Under Clinton 1.5 million Iraqis were killed by sanctions; Iraq was bombed daily, The Defense of Marriage Act, the Anti-Terrorism and Effective Death Penalty Act of 1996 all passed; there was the invasion and dissolution of the sovereign nation of Yugoslavia; and "Plan Colombia". Clinton's cuts in social programs succeeded in doing what Reagan could only dream of - the destruction of the social welfare system. More recently, the Patriot Act, the so-called "Partial Birth Abortion Ban Act of 2003", and the war/occupation on Iraq all of which couldn't have been passed without the help of the Democrats. The Democrats have all but stood by and allowed Bush to kidnap the elected president of Haiti. Kerry voted for the war against Iraq and supports the occupation and now claims that Bush is "soft" on Venezuela and would like to further destabilize the legitimate government of Hugo Chavez. Kerry has expressed his admiration & support for the state of Israel in spite of the criminal repression and assassinations carried out against the Palestinian people by the Israeli government. Kerry, Finneran & Travaglini are aligned with Bush & Romney to deny the LGBT community the right to civil marriage. In Massachusetts the Democrats and the Republicans have united to attack bi-lingual education, affirmative action, school desegregation, Section 8, Mass Health, AIDS funding and deny contracts to many unions.

Only an independent movement can create an effective political force that can stop the U.S. war drive, protect our rights and return the trillions that have been stolen from our communities by the Pentagon and the corporate-elite.

During the course of the DNC there will be many demonstrations, let's kick it off with a mass demonstration through the streets of Boston on July 25, 2004. There will be a mass march against the Republican National Convention on Sunday, August 29 in New York City.

### Volunteers Needed!

meetings every Friday - 6:30pm - 284 Amory St. (the Brewery), JP

A.N.S.W.E.R. Coalition (Act Now to Stop War & End Racism)

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# MIT Social Justice Cooperative

El Mozote massacre --- over 900 Salvadoran  
villagers dead

Assassination of Archbishop Oscar Romero  
Honduran death squad "Battalion 3-16"

Trujillo chainsaw massacres in Columbia

What do these have in common? They all involved soldiers  
trained at the **U.S. Army School of the Americas**, in Fort  
Benning, Georgia. Help us fight against U.S. support of  
human-rights abusers.

## **THREE DAY VIGIL AND NONVIOLENT CIVIL DISOBEDIENCE**

### **Fort Benning, Georgia Nov. 17-19, 2000**

Each November, thousands gather to commemorate the massacre of six Jesuit priests, their housekeeper, and her daughter in El Salvador. 19 of the 26 Salvadoran officers cited by the U.N. Truth Commission for this atrocity were trained at the School of Americas. For ten years, a growing grass-roots movement has called on the government to shut down the SOA. This year, the Social Justice Cooperative hopes to take a group of MIT students and others from the Boston area to participate in the vigil and civil disobedience. If you are interested in joining us, come to the

**ORGANIZATIONAL MEETING FOR THE NOVEMBER TRIP**

**DATE: Fri, Oct. 6 TIME: 6 pm LOCATION: MIT, Bldg. 5, Rm. 134**  
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